Resolving the Clumpy Structure of the Outflow Winds in Gravitationally Lensed Quasar

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OUTLINE

Background

Classification of Quasar absorption lines

Quasar outflow & Accretion disk-wind model

Unresolved internal structure of the outflow wind

Our strategy & Observations

Gravitationally lensed quasar, SDSS J1029+2623

R~30,000 spectroscopy with Subaru + HDS, VLT + UVES

Results & Discussion

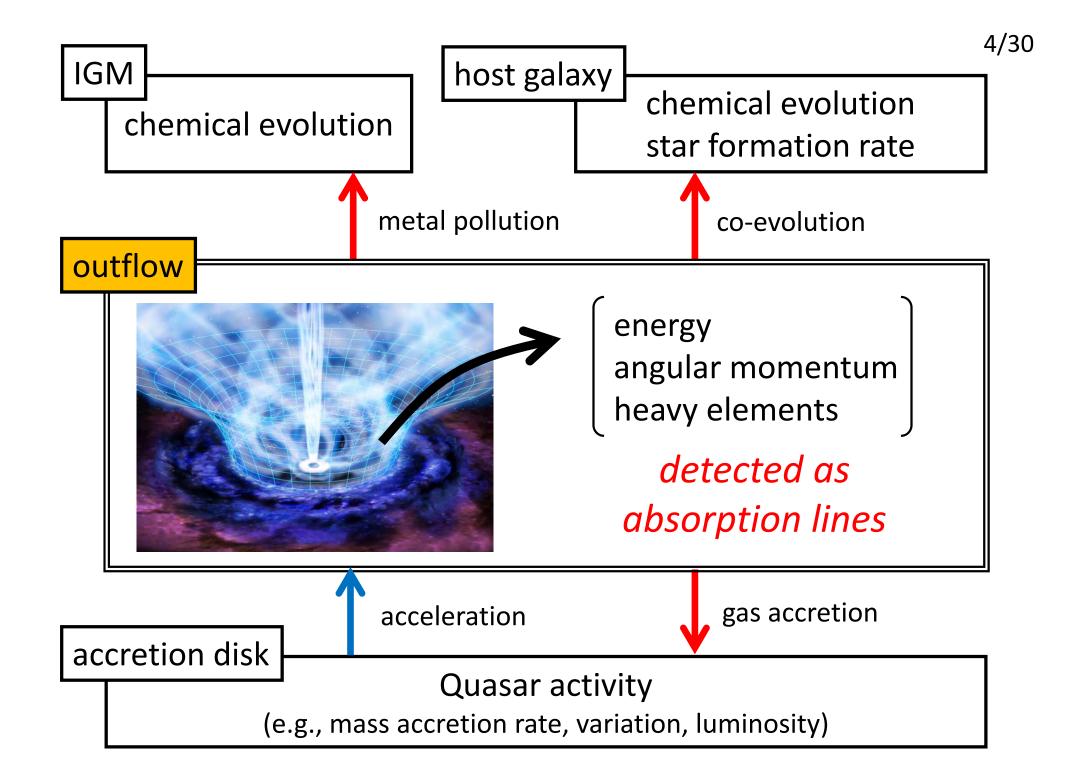
Intrinsic or intervening absorption? (TM et al. 2013)

Multi-sightline or time variation? (TM et al. 2014)

Origin of Narrow Absorption Lines? (TM et al. 2016)

Global picture of the outflow?

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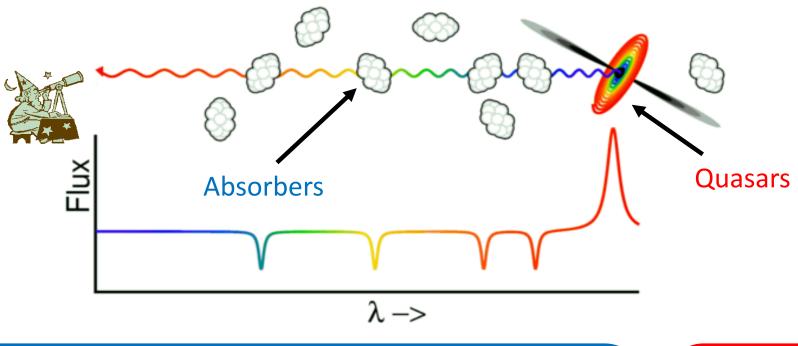


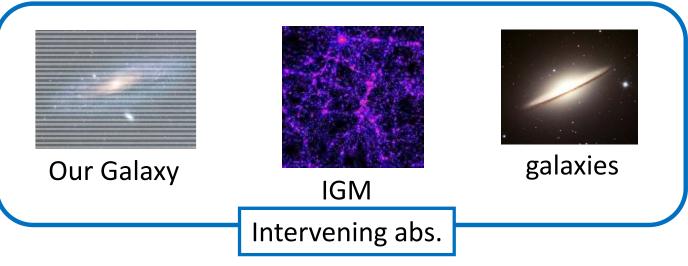
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Intrinsic abs.

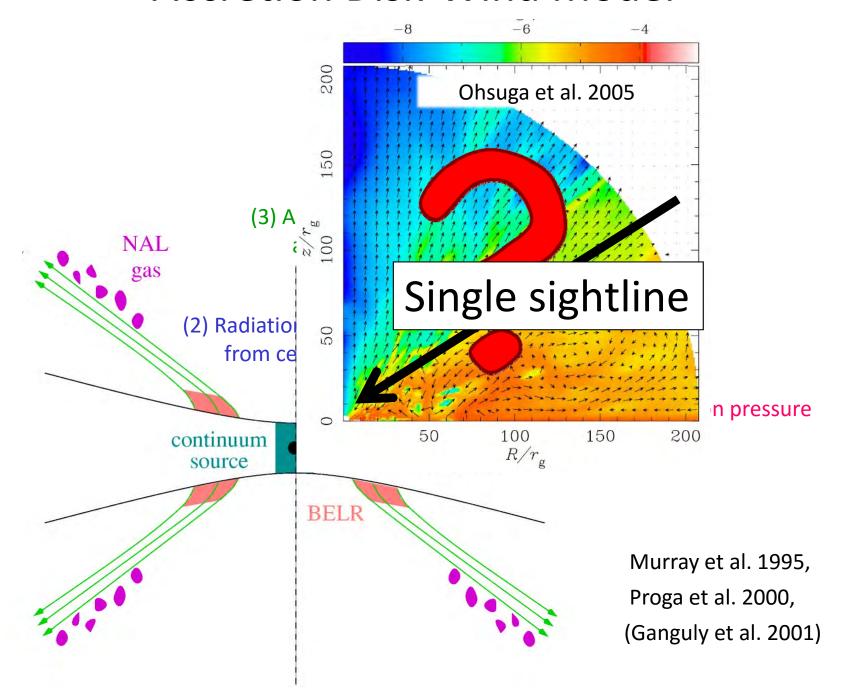
Quasar Absorption Lines (QALs)

Absorption features in spectra of background quasars that are produced by absorbers along the observed sight-lines.



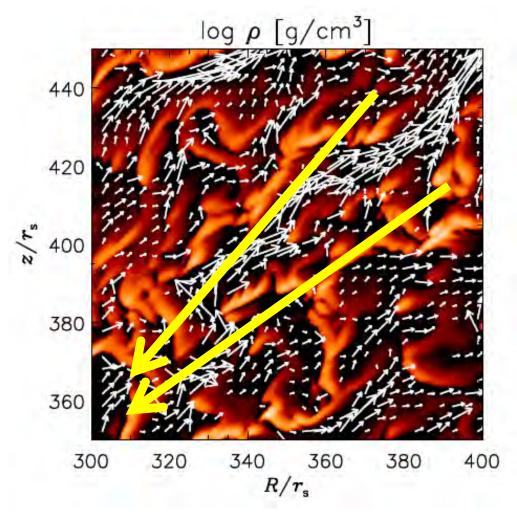


Accretion Disk-Wind Model



Complex Internal Structure?

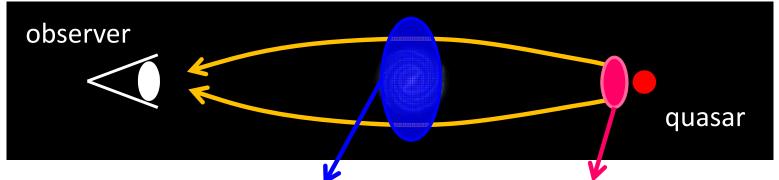
The outflow stream may have complex internal structure that consist of a number of small clumpy clouds ($\leq 10^{-3}$ pc) with very high gas densities ($n_e \geq 10^7$ cm⁻³).

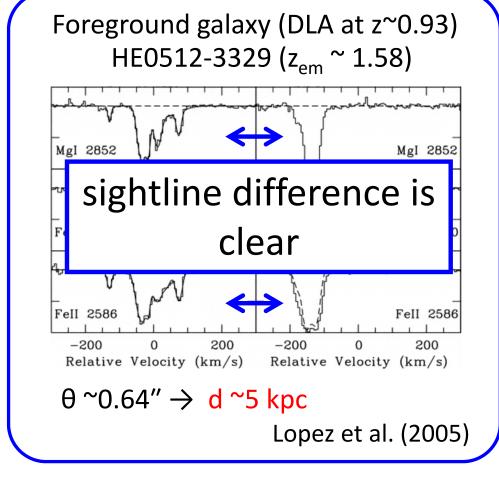


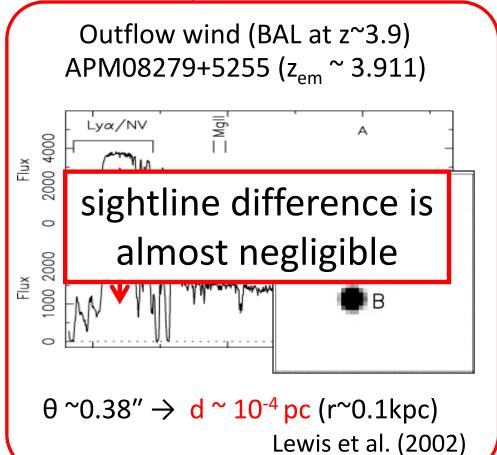
A radiation-MHD simulation by Takeuchi et al. (2013).

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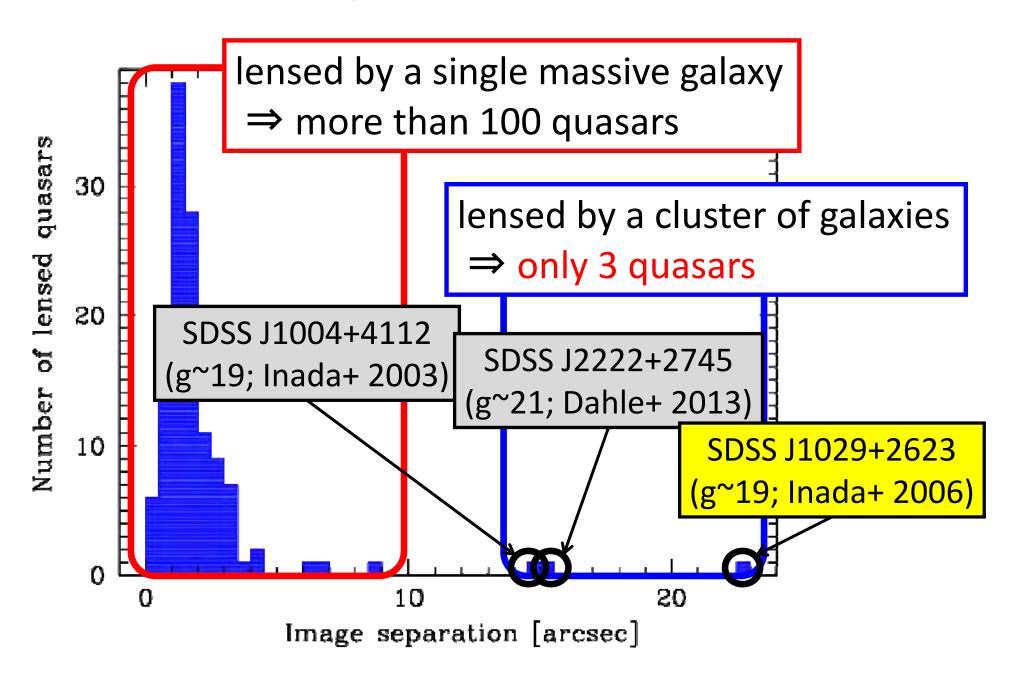
Multi-sightline spectroscopy





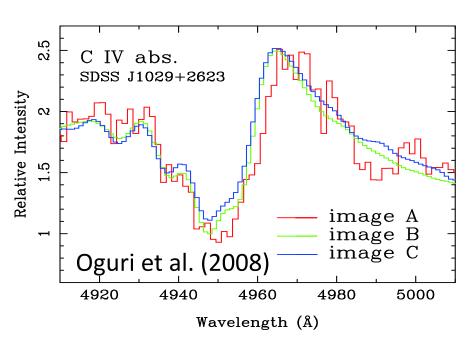


Lensed quasars discovered so far



Our target: SDSS J1029+2623

- Gravitationally lensed quasar at z_{em}~2.197 with three lensed images, A (m_V~18.72), B (~18.67), and C (~20.63).
- Lensed by a cluster of galaxies at z₁~0.58.
- The largest separation angle of θ^22 .5 discovered so far (Inada+ 2006). [θ'^14 .6 seen from the quasar]
- Strong absorption features on the blue wings of emission lines (i.e., P-Cygni profile) as candidates for intrinsic absorption lines.

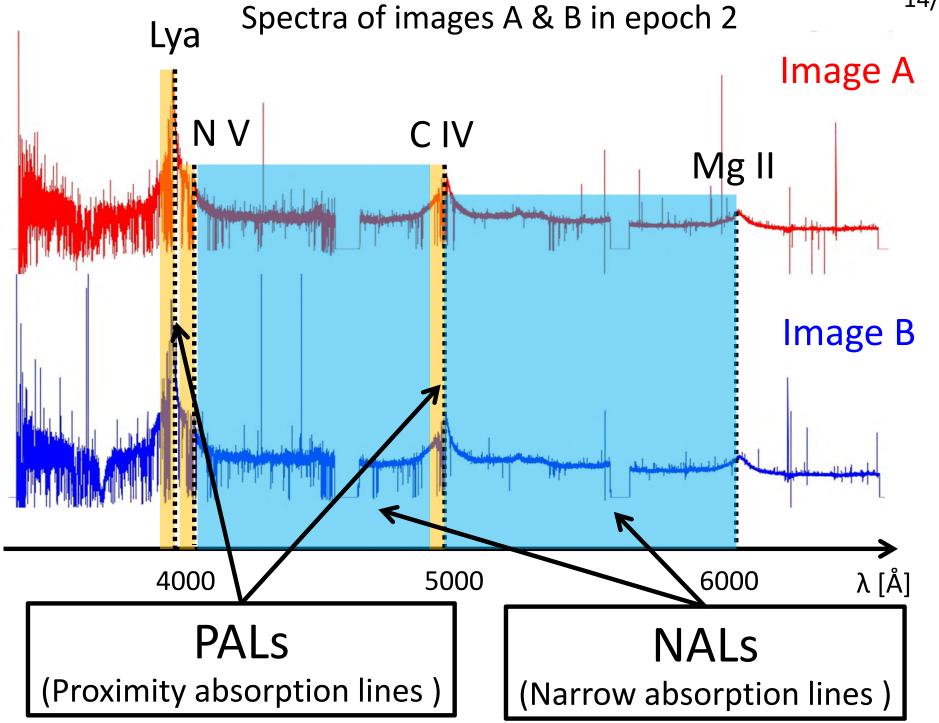


Observations

We performed high-resolution spectroscopy (R~30,000) of the brightest two images of the quasar (images A & B) with Subaru/HDS in 2010/02 (E1) and 2014/04 (E3) and VLT/UVES in 2014/02 (E2).

Target	Obs Date	Instrument	R	$T_{\rm exp}$ (sec)	S/N^a (pix^{-1})			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Epoch		
SDSS J1029+2623 A	2010 Feb 10	Subaru/HDS	30000	14400	13	E1 —	~4yrs	
	2014 Jan 28 – Feb 3	VLT/UVES	33000	26670	23	E2 ←		•
	2014 Apr 4	Subaru/HDS	36000	11400	14	E3	← ~ ~	ma
SDSS J1029+2623 B	2010 Feb 10	Subaru/HDS	30000	14200	13	E1		lmo.
	2014 Feb 4 - 26	VLT/UVES	33000	26670	23	E2		
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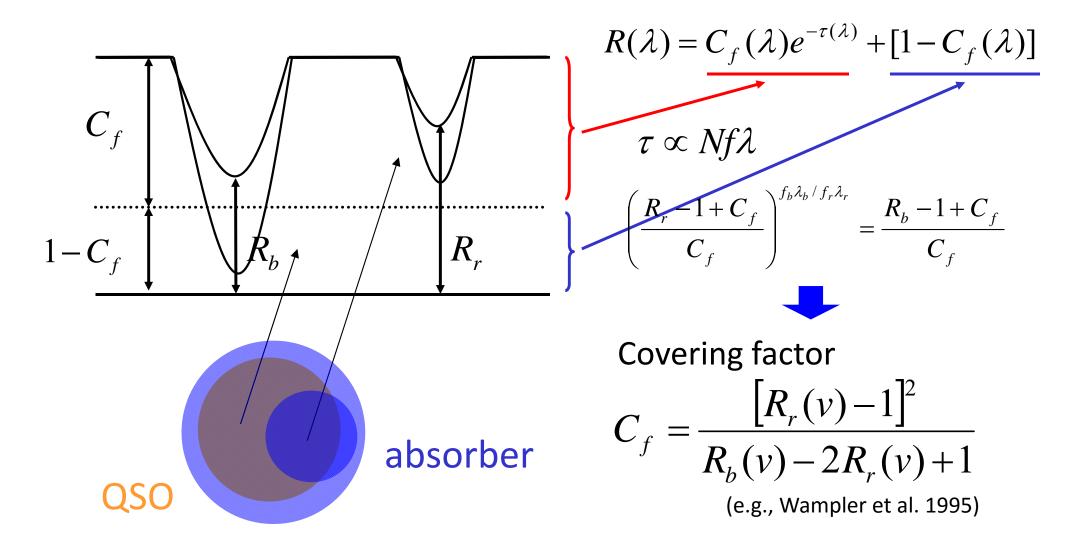
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- origin of narrow absorption lines?

- global picture of the outflow?

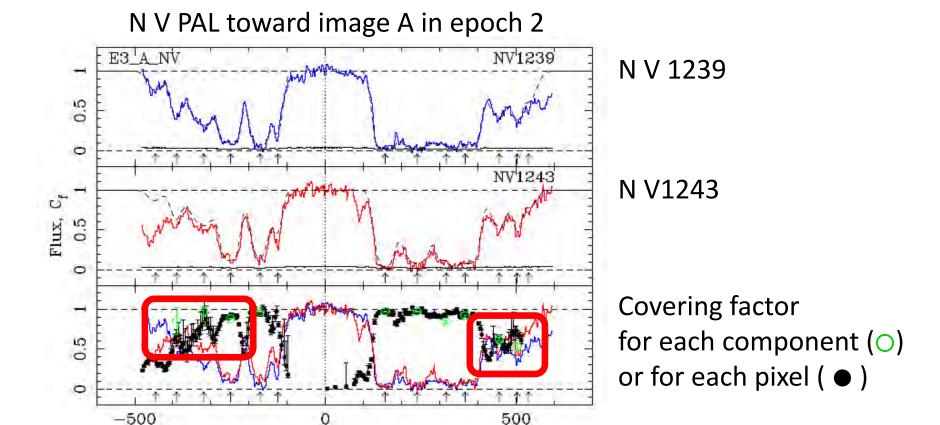
Partial Coverage Analysis

Dilution of absorption troughs by unocculted light from the quasar continuum source makes the optical depth ratio of resonant UV doublets (e.g., CIV, NV) deviate from 2:1, as dictated by atomic physics (e.g., Wampler et al. 1995).



A sign of intrinsic line: Partial coverage

A substantial fraction of absorption components show partial coverage, which means the physical sizes of the absorbers are smaller than the background source.



Relative velocity from the flux-weighted center, Δv (km/s)

Partial coverage suggests that the origin of PALs is indeed in the outflow gas (Misawa et al. 2013).

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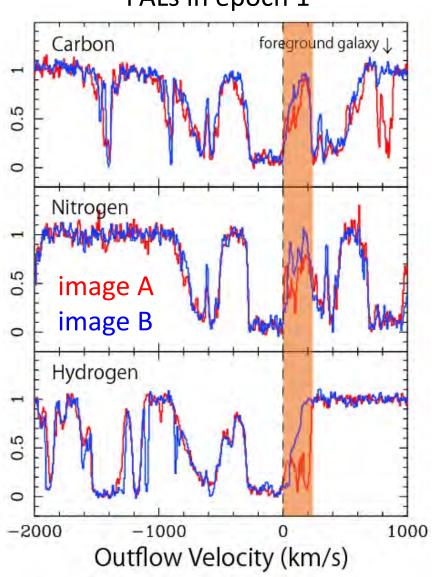
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Difference in absorption profiles





A clear difference in absorption profile between the images A and B in the shaded area.

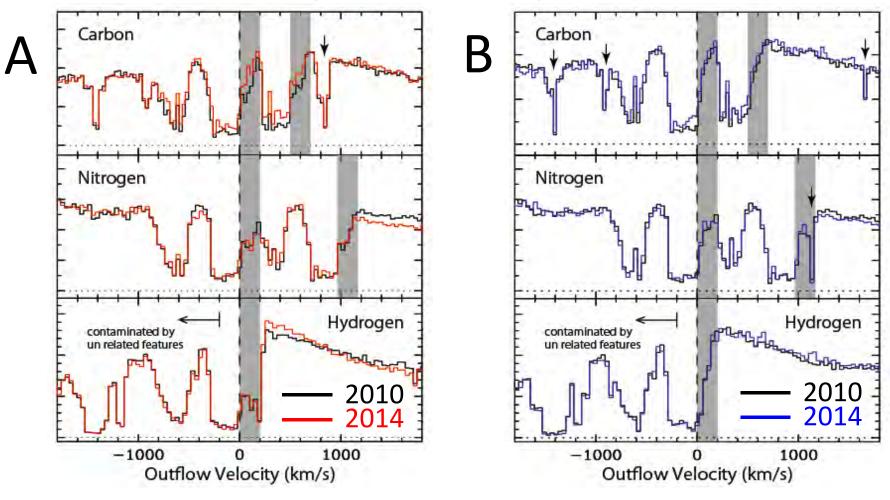
The likely scenarios include:

- 1. time-variability over time-delay of images A and B (Δt_{obs} ~744d) (e.g., Chartas+ 2007)
- difference in the absorption level along different sightlines (Chelouche 2003; Green 2006)

Confirming the multi-sightline scenario

The difference in absorption profiles has almost unchanged in $\Delta t_{obs} > 744$ days between epochs E1 and E3, implying the difference is not due to time variability, but due to differences along the sightlines (Misawa et al 2014).

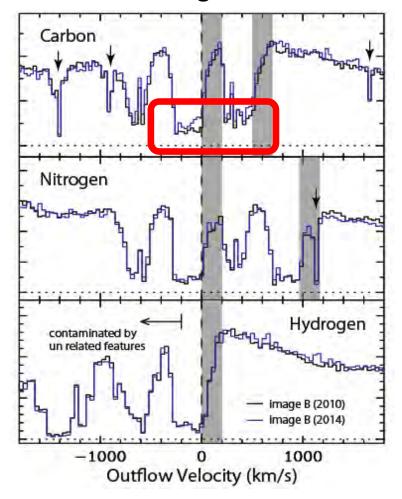
PALs toward image A (left) and B (right) in epochs 1 and 3



Time Variability in PALs

C IV PALs show a weak variability in their strength between epochs 1 and 3, which could be due to changes in the ionization state of the absorber.

PALs toward image B in E1 and E3

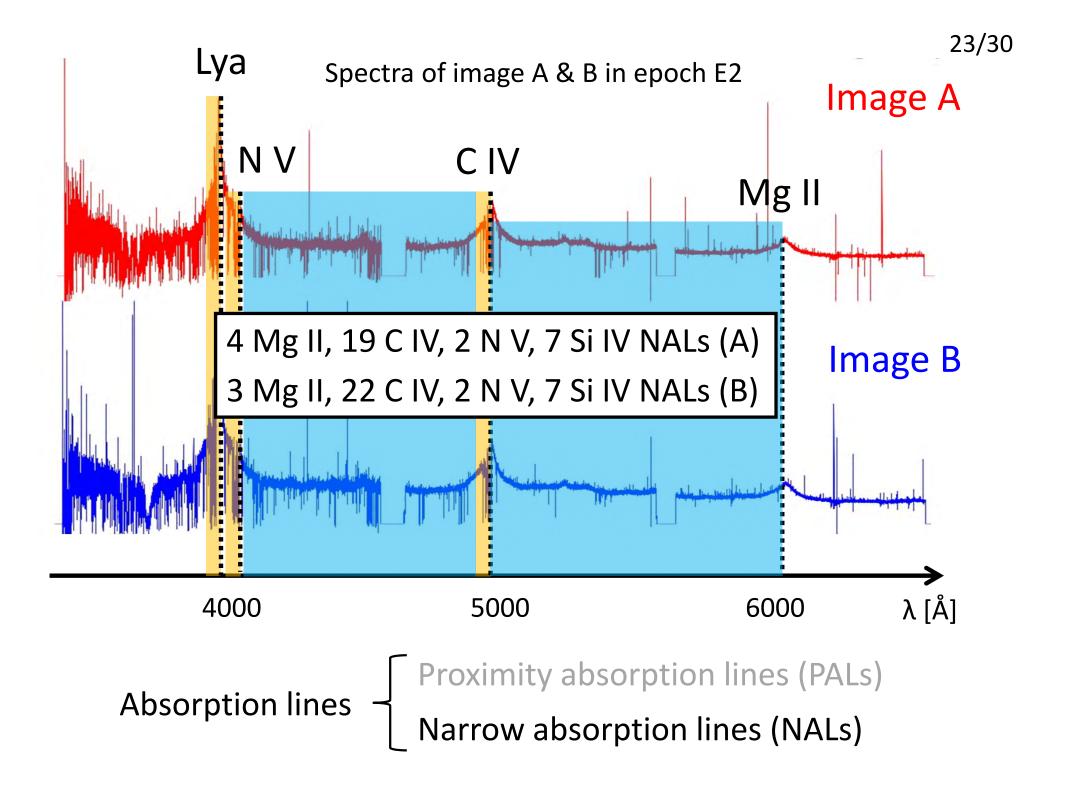


- (a) gas motion across our line of sight (e.g., Gibson+ 2008; Muzahid+ 2015)
- (b) change in the ionization state of the absorber (e.g., Hamann+ 2011)

$$n_e \approx \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t_{rec}} < 8.7 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

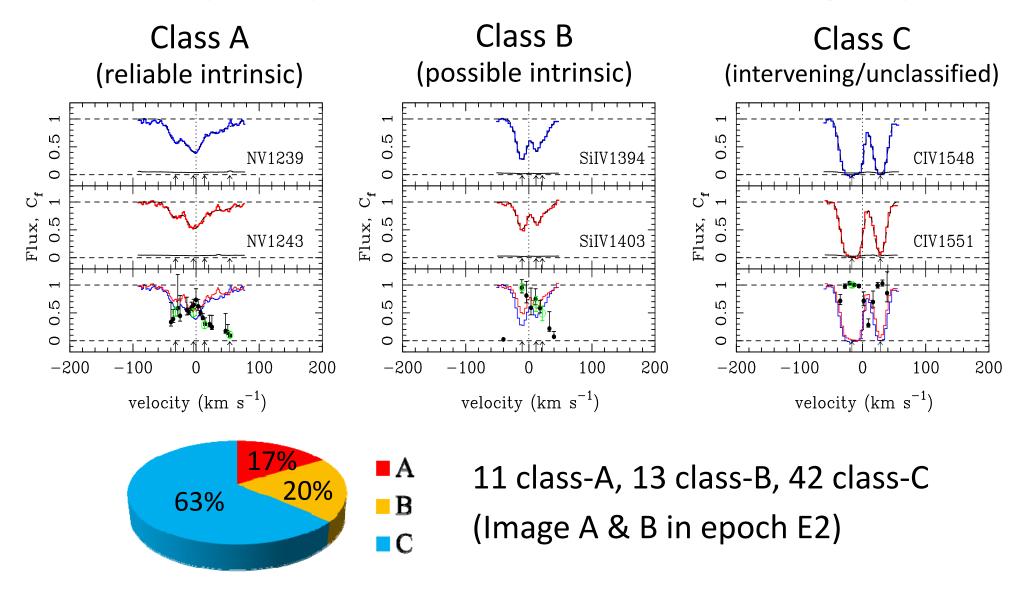
$$r_{cloud} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi U n_e c}} \int_0^{\lambda_{LL}} \frac{\lambda L_{\lambda}}{hc} d\lambda$$
 < 620 pc

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Partial coverage analysis for NALs

We separate all NALs into three classes (classes A, B, and C) according to the reliability that they are intrinsic NALs, based on the partial coverage analysis.



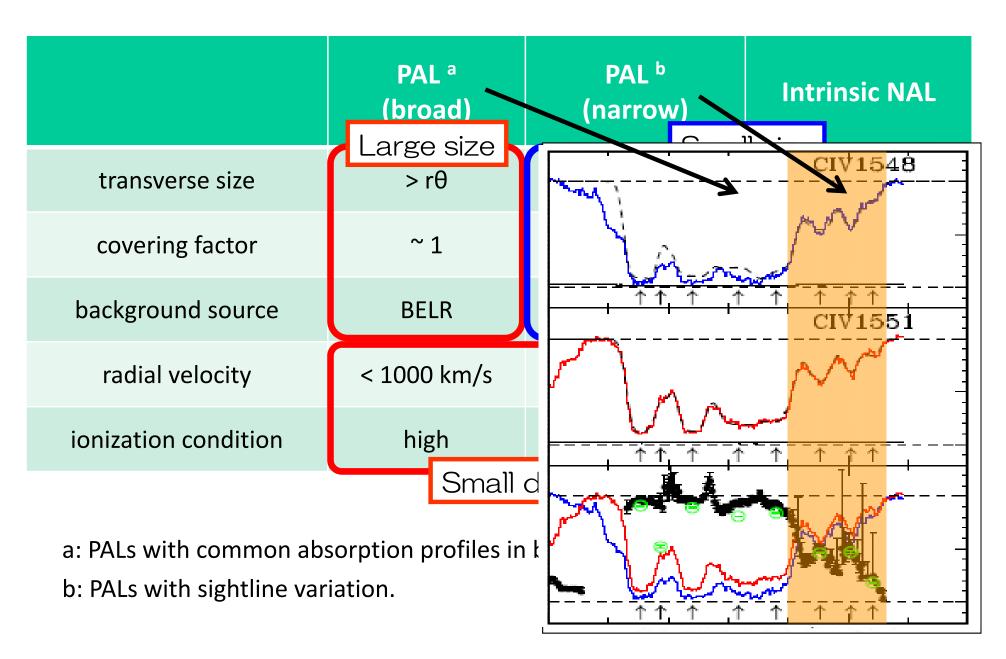
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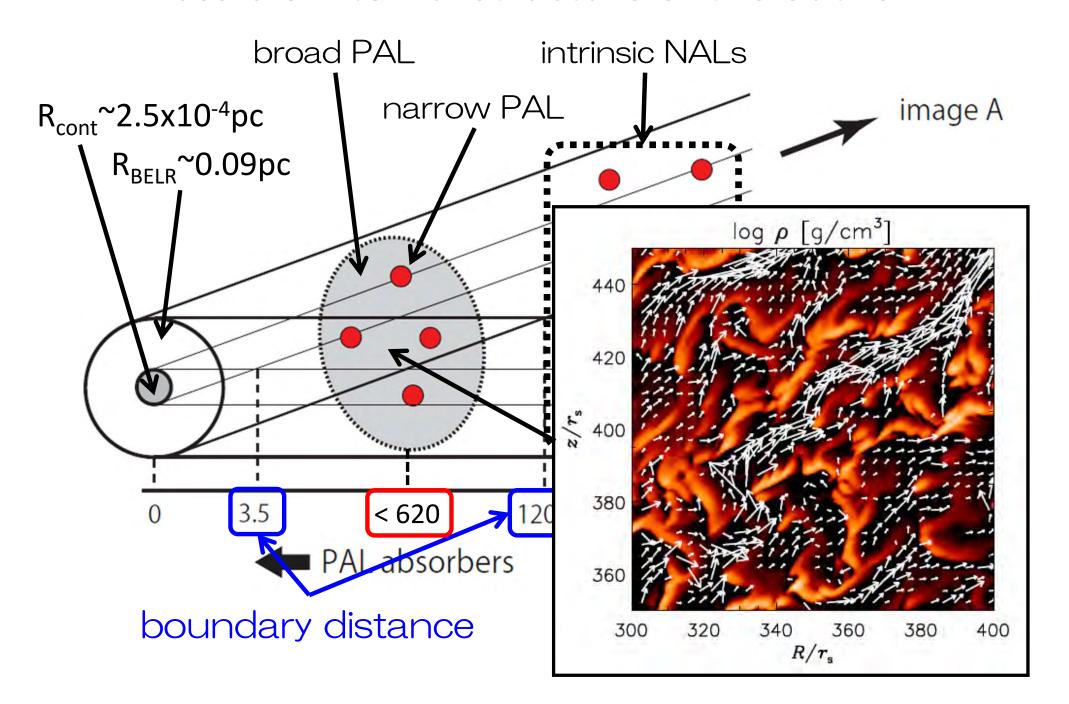
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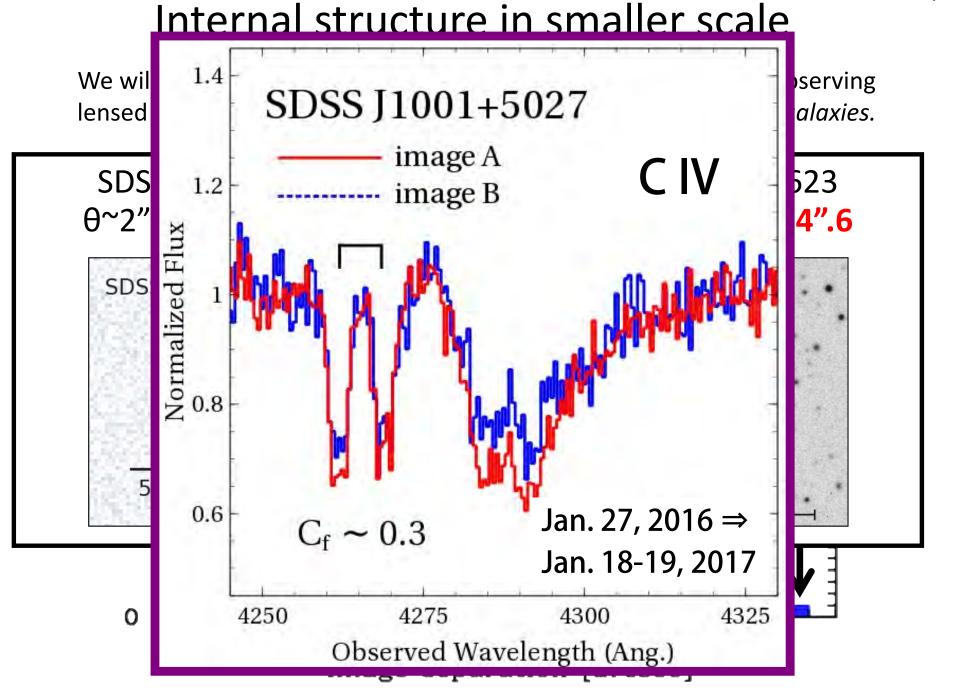
Summary of PAL & intrinsic NAL absorbers



Possible internal structure of the outflow



Future Work



SUMMARY

- Gravitationally lensed quasars are powerful tool for investigating the internal structure of quasar outflow through multi-sightline observations.
- We monitored the images A and B of a lensed quasar SDSS J1029+2623 at $z_{\rm em}$ ~2.197 whose separation angle (~22".5) is the current record-holder.
- We confirmed our sightlines go through different regions of the outflow.
- A broad PAL absorber has a larger scale than the background flux source (the BELR), while the sizes of narrow PAL absorber and intrinsic NAL absorbers are smaller than that (the BELR or the continuum source).
- Both broad and narrow PAL absorbers locate at <620pc, while intrinsic NAL absorbers locate farther than that.
- About 10 times finer internal structure can be examined by performing the same observation for quasars lensed by a single massive galaxy.